

## A response to the March 9, 2016 shootings in Wilkinsburg

As a new day dawns and we awaken to Wilkinsburg as a top story on the national news and in headlines, Wilkinsburg Borough Council extends our deepest sympathies to the families of the victims so tragically taken in last night's senseless events. We keep them, their neighbors and our entire community in our thoughts and pray for the recovery of those injured. We are devastated and saddened by this news, and we will not be complacent and let our homes, our streets and our neighborhoods be taken from us.

As Borough Council, we are committed to safety and the improvement of our entire community. We are so fortunate to have a diligent police department, committed emergency responders and a bevy of supporting departments and agencies who will work with us to get answers and help those affected by this horrible, inexplicable act.

From today forward, our collective efforts as a community – to embrace each other, to rally in the face of this tragedy, to unite and work to insure that events like this never happen again – may not garner headlines, but will demonstrate the strength, determination and pride that exemplifies Wilkinsburg.

Wilkinsburg Borough Council  
Patrick Shattuck, President